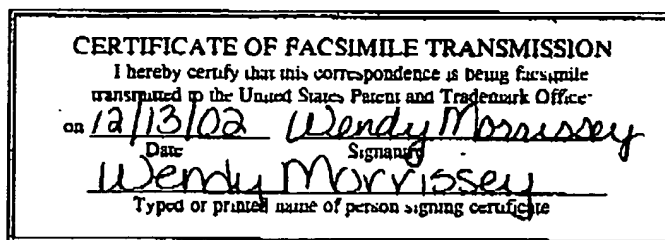


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Matthew D. Barnhart, Stephen S. Hau, Yuri Ostrovsky and MinPon Chien  
Application No.: 09/356,543 Group Art Unit: 2175  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action made Final dated June 14, 2002 for three months, from September 14, 2002 to December 14, 2002.

In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Other than Small Entity</u>
1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
2 months -	\$ 200	\$ 400
3 months -	\$ 460	X \$ 920
4 months -	\$ 720	\$1,440
5 months -	\$ 980	\$1,960

[X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the cost of the extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

Respectfully submitted,

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